

REMARKS

In the Advisory Action dated May 3, 2004, the Examiner withdrew the rejection of Claims 1, and 3-11 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over McClure et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,696,464). Claim 11 has been provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101. Claims 1-11 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1, 5, 15, 49 and 50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,696,464. Claims 1-11 have also been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-5 and 7-11 of copending Application No. 10/649,236. Claims 1-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 10/649,227 in view of McClure et al. (6,696,464). Claims 1-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/649,265 in view of McClure et al. (6,696,464). Claims 1-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/649,216 in view of McClure et al. (6,696,464).

This response addresses each of the Examiner's objections and rejections. Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of all pending claims is therefore respectfully requested.

Claims 12-17 have been cancelled without prejudice for being drawn to a non-elected subject matter. Claim 11 has been cancelled for the sole purpose of expediting prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file continuing applications drawn to the deleted

subject matter. No new matter has been added. Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment.

Claim 11 has been provisionally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as allegedly claiming the same invention as that of claim 12 of copending Application No. 10/649,236. For the sole purpose of expediting prosecution, Applicants have cancelled claim 11 thereby rendering this rejection moot. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1 -11 have been rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 5, 15 49, and 50 of U.S. Patent No. 6,696,464. In response, Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) signed by a registered attorney of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-5, and 7-11 of copending Application No. 10/649,236. In response, Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) signed by a registered attorney of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 1-9 of copending Application No. 10/649,227 in view of McClure et al. (6,696,464). In response, Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) signed by a registered attorney of record. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

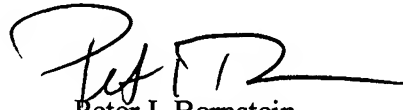
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Claims 1-11 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-10 of copending Application No. 10/649,216 in view of McClure (6,696,464). In response, Applicants are submitting a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) signed by a registered attorney of record.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

Thus, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the application is in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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